



## 20TH ANNUAL ENTERTAINMENT LAW INITIATIVE® EVENT & SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTATION ANNOUNCES WINNERS OF WRITING COMPETITION

GRAMMY® WEEK EVENT WILL HONOR ALLEN GRUBMAN AND MICHAEL REINERT, WITH NEW YORK STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL ERIC SCHNEIDERMAN AS FEATURED SPEAKER

**WHO:** The 20th annual **Entertainment Law Initiative® Event & Scholarship Presentation** has announced the winner and runner up of its Writing Competition:

### Winner

**Rebecca Pollack**  
Lewis & Clark Law School  
Portland, Ore.

### Paper Title

"Innovation Or Exploitation: Is It Time To Update  
The DMCA Safe Harbors?"

### Runner-Up

**Megan Abner**  
Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law  
Yeshiva University  
New York, NY

"Effects Of The FCC's 'Internet Freedom' On The  
Music Industry And Potential Collaborative  
Solutions"

In addition, at this GRAMMY® Week event, **Michael Reinert**, a partner at Fox Rothschild LLP, will be the recipient of the **2018 Entertainment Law Initiative Service Award**. This honor is awarded to an attorney who has demonstrated a commitment to advancing and supporting the music community through service. **Allen Grubman**, a partner at Grubman, Shire, Meiselas & Sacks, P.C., will receive a **Recording Academy™ President's Merit Award** from Recording Academy President/CEO **Neil Portnow** in recognition of his many years of work protecting the interests of creators. **Pollack**, the **winner** of this year's **Entertainment Law Initiative Writing Competition**, and **Abner**, the **runner up**, will also be present at the event. New York State Attorney **General Eric Schneiderman** will be a **featured speaker**.

**WHAT:** The Entertainment Law Initiative Event is the nation's preeminent gathering for entertainment attorneys, and it provides a forum for the industry to honor its own practitioners, hear from legal thought leaders, and support promising law students interested in entertainment law. Limited tickets remain and can be purchased at [www.grammy.com/eli-tickets](http://www.grammy.com/eli-tickets).

This annual program also includes a Writing Competition that invites law students to write a 3,000-word paper on a compelling legal topic facing the music industry today. A **\$10,000 scholarship** will be awarded to the author of the **winning paper**, and a **\$2,500 scholarship** will be awarded to the **runner-up**. **In addition, the winner will receive travel and tickets to various 60th Annual GRAMMY Awards® events.** The GRAMMY Awards will be held at Madison Square Garden in New York on Sunday, Jan. 28, 2018. The telecast will be broadcast



live on the CBS Television Network at 7:30 p.m. ET/4:30 p.m. PT. For complete contest rules, visit [www.grammy.com/entertainment-law-initiative](http://www.grammy.com/entertainment-law-initiative). For further questions, email [eli@grammy.com](mailto:eli@grammy.com).

**WHEN: Friday, Jan. 26, 2018**

10:30 a.m. Media Check-In  
11 a.m. Reception and Media Interviews  
12:15 p.m. Award Presentations, Featured Speaker  
1:30 p.m. Post-reception

**WHERE:** New World Stages at Worldwide Plaza  
340 West 50th Street  
New York, NY 10019

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**IMPORTANT INFORMATION:** If you are interested in covering this event, you **MUST** request credentials no later than 6 p.m. PT on Thursday, Jan. 18, 2018. Credentials can be picked up at media check-in on the day of the event. **MEDIA MUST BE CREDENTIALLED.** All satellite truck/van parking must be coordinated no later than Thursday, Jan. 18.

**ABOUT THE RECORDING ACADEMY**

The Recording Academy represents the voices of performers, songwriters, producers, engineers, and all music professionals. Dedicated to ensuring the recording arts remain a thriving part of our shared cultural heritage, the Academy honors music's history while investing in its future through the GRAMMY Museum<sup>®</sup>, advocates on behalf of music creators, supports music people in times of need through MusiCares<sup>®</sup>, and celebrates artistic excellence through the GRAMMY Awards—music's only peer-recognized accolade and highest achievement. As the world's leading society of music professionals, we work year-round to foster a more inspiring world for creators.

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